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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

It was with great enthusiasm that I picked up a copy of your book "Case Open" thinking that finally, someone had the resources and knowledge to refute Posner's ridiculous tome "Case Closed". Having been familiar with some of your other work, and numerous other volumes by many authors analyzing this most heinous of crimes, I was very disappointed that Posner's book had so much support among the so-called enlightened press corps. However, I'm proud to say I never purchased/acquired a copy of "Case Closed" because I knew it would have been a complete waste of my time. Instead I now have a copy of your book for my collection as the counterpoint for Posner's drivel.

I was 14 years of age when the assassination occurred, and like so many others I knew exactly what I was doing and where I was when it happened. I have been a so-called conspiracy buff ever since the Warren commission report came out with its ridiculous conclusions.

There are a series of items that have continually puzzled me; among them are the reports that there was the fresh smell of fired rounds residue in the air as the motorcade started to speed towards Parkland. Another item is photographic proof that there was a AR15 rifle in the secret service vehicle directly behind the presidential vehicle. While I am not qualified as an investigator to tie these two items together, there are some things I do know regarding the AR15:

Having served during the Vietnam war, I was very familiar with the fully automatic military version of the AR15, known as the M16A1. The M16 round when fired has an arcing trajectory and upon impact with a target starts tumbling that would cause a massive exit wound. This was demonstrated to me (and other recruits) in boot camp when the drill sergeant placed a steel ammo bucket 25 yards into the firing range, and then proceeded to fire one M16 round directly at it; upon the impact, that ammo bucket shot at least 30 feet into the air. The DI retrieved it, and was careful to show us the entry point first, which was roughly the circumfrence of the round. Then he showed us the exit point. There

was a gaping hole 4 to 5 inches in diameter.

My point in mentioning the above is that the Manlicher-Carcano rifle purportedly used by Oswald never had the capability to cause the fatal wound suffered by the president. Clearly, at least to me, an AR15 could definitely do that kind of damage. The fact that there was an AR15 in the follow-up vehicle is just so much more irony to me.

I would like to close this note by first thanking you for all of you work on this topic over the years, and secondly for the Case Open book which I just recently completed reading.

With best regards,

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